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TRAJAN CONQUERS DACIA. The Roman Empire reaches its greatest territorial extent. The reign of Trajan, the first non-Italian Roman emperor (he was born in Spain), was marked by a vigorous and successful policy of foreign expansion. In 2 campaigns, conducted in 102 & 105, he subdued DACIA, the region that is modern Romania, and he followed that conquest with victories in the east against the Parthians, bringing Armenia & upper Mesopotamia within

the Empire. By 117 (he died) Roman authority reached across the whole of North Africa to the Persian Gulf, through Asia Minor to the northern shore of the Black Sea and through all of Europe west of the Danube and the Rhine, north to Britain. Together with his program of public works, these conquests earned Trajan a reputation as one of the greatest Roman emperors, and his victory over the Dacians commemorated by the magnificent carved column, known as Trajan's Column, still standing in Rome.